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For: **Compositions and Methods for
Enhanced Sensitivity and Specificity
of Nucleic Acid Synthesis**

**Notice of Appeal From the Examiner to the Board
of Patent Appeals and Interferences - Large Entity**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the final decision of the Examiner dated October 25, 2001, in which claims 64 through 82 were finally or twice rejected.

The fee (for a large entity) for filing a Notice of Appeal from the Examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b)), along with any necessary extension fees (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)), is included in our Check No. 34291. In the event that extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those otherwise provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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